

Press Release

Town-Wide Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey Westford, Massachusetts

Researchers from PAL (Public Archaeology Laboratory) of Pawtucket, Rhode Island are presently conducting an archaeological reconnaissance survey of the Town of Westford. The survey will compile information on known ancient through twentieth century archaeological sites and identify areas within Westford that are archaeologically sensitive or have the potential to contain Native American or historic period sites. The project is being funded by the Community Preservation Act funds and supported by the Westford Historical Commission and Westford Historical Society. The goal of this survey is to provide the Town of Westford with information on its rich cultural heritage for planning purposes.

PAL researchers welcome any information that residents may have concerning the archaeology and history of Westford. Sources of particular interest include historic maps, photographs, and descriptions of past activity in the town (farming, industries, granite quarrying, etc). Places where Native American artifacts (including projectile points or arrowheads, stone tools, and pottery) have been found within the town can provide new information on the Native American groups that occupied Westford.

In cooperation with the Westford Historical Commission, PAL researchers are planning a Public Day in Westford, to take place on 4/7, 2010 at the Westford Museum . Residents are invited to come meet and share with representatives from PAL between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on that day. This open event will provide an opportunity for PAL to gather local information and view artifact collections, as well as to answer any questions local residents may have concerning the reconnaissance survey and historic resources in Westford.